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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	).
Richard H. Warren	) Group Art Unit: 2685
Application No.: 09/216,036	) ) Examiner: N. Mehrpour
Appeal No.: 2002-1989	) )
Filed: December 18, 1998	) )
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING SUN TRANSIT OUTAGES IN POINT-TO-MULTIPOINT SATELLITE SYSTEMS	RECEIVED FEB 2 1 2003 Technology Center 2600

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, but after processing of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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